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Year in Review: 2019

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Overview

800+ volunteer member hours

11 Safety Commission Business Meetings

6 Best Practice Meetings

15 Review Committee
Hearings

91 complaints have been submitted

5 had event dates prior to August 8, 2018

1 has been forwarded to the City of Loveland (Home Rule)

46 have been withdrawn

39 complaints have been (or are being) processed by the Commission

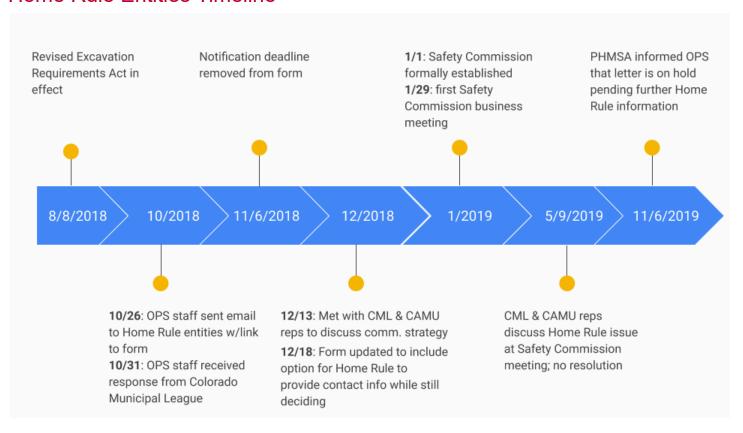
- 7 major violations have been determined
- 9 moderate violations have been determined
- 4 minor violations have been determined
- 1 frivolous violation has been determined
- 13 complaints were dismissed or found to not involve any violations of the Excavation Act
- 5 alleged violations to be reviewed (hearing dates are in 2020)

\$27,750 in fines assessed; \$21,250 in fines collected
(difference because of fines deferred by alternative remedial action OR not yet due)
Alternative remedial action included attending trainings & submitting updated company policies

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Accomplishments



Complaint Statistics

- ❖ More than 60% of complaints had an event date between April and October.
- Reason for complaint: Locator no show: 12; Damage: 8; Other: 7; No OneCall: 5; Digging without marks: 1; Marked incorrectly: 1

Statute

Title 9, Article 1.5, C.R.S. - Revisions effective August 8, 2018

UDP Safety Commission	Creation of an enforcement agency, known as the Underground Damage Prevention (UDP) Safety Commission (housed under the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment's Division of Oil and Public Safety) which has rulemaking and enforcement authority
Notification Association (CO 811)	New ticket types: Subsurface Utility Engineering, Road Grading Mandatory Positive Response through Colorado 811 Adding a secondary excavator to locate tickets Elimination by January 1, 2021, of a tiered membership; all members will be directly notified by Colorado 811. When Tier 2 members convert, they receive ticket notifications for free during the transition period (until 1/1/2021)
New facilities	New facilities installed on or after August 8, 2018, must be electronically locatable

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Regulations

7 C.C.R. 1101-18 - Effective June 14, 2019

UNDERGROUND DAMAGE PREVENTION SAFETY COMMISSION REGULATIONS

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT DIVISION OF OIL AND PUBLIC SAFETY

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Lessons Learned / Future Changes

- Changes to Statute?
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- Changes to Bylaws & Code of Conduct?
- Changes to Complaint Review/Hearing Process?
- Best Practices to develop?
- Efficiencies for CO 811?

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